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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

#### Information Collection Submitted to OMB for Review

**AGENCY:** Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection submitted to OMB for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) hereby gives notice that it has sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a Paperwork Reduction Act Submission regarding an information collection titled Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions (12 CFR Part 12).

**DATES:** Comments on this information collection are welcome and should be submitted by September 28, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the submission may be obtained by calling or writing the OCC contact.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the OCC has sent to OMB a Paperwork Reduction Act Submission regarding the following information collection:

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Title:* Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions (12 CFR 12).

*Description:* The Recordkeeping Requirements for Securities Transactions (12 CFR 12) serve to establish an audit trail that is used by the OCC in its regulatory examinations as a tool to evaluate a bank's compliance with the anti-fraud provisions of the Federal securities laws. The records provide a basis for adequate disclosure to customers who effect securities transactions through national banks.

*Form Number:* None.

*OMB Number:* 1557-0142.

*Respondents:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Number of Respondents:* 416.

*Total Annual Responses:* 416.

*Average Hours Per Recordkeeper:* 306 hours.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 127,296.

*OMB Reviewer:* Milo Sunderhauf, (202) 395-7340, Paperwork Reduction Project 1557-0186, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10226, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*OCC Contact:* John Ference or Jessie Gates, (202) 874-5090, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division (1557-0186), Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20219.

*Comments:* Comments regarding the submission should be addressed to both the OMB reviewer and the OCC contact listed above.

Date: August 30, 1995.

**James F.E. Gillespie,**

*Director, Legislative & Regulatory Activities.*

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## UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

### Program Title NIS Secondary School Initiative; Inbound Academic Year Placement

**ACTION:** Notice—Request for Proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The NIS Secondary School Initiative Division, Office of Citizen Exchanges, of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an assistance award program. Public and private non-profit organizations meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 26 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to place high school students between the ages of 15 and 17 from the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union in homestays and schools for the 1996/97 academic year. Organizations will be responsible for orienting students at the local level and for monitoring them during their time in the U.S.

Overall grant-making authority for this program is contained in the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Public Law 87-256, as amended, also known as the Fulbright-Hays Act. The purpose of the Act is "to enable the Government of the United States and the people of other countries \* \* \* to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the educational and cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States and other nations \* \* \* and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic and peaceful relations between the United States and

the other countries of the world." The number of grant awards in this competition will likely be 15-20. All grants are subject to the availability of funds in Fiscal Year 1996.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines outlined in the Solicitation Package.

**ANNOUNCEMENT NAME AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/P-96-12. This is a request for proposals only for the activities described above. Requests for proposals in support of other youth exchange programs with the NIS are being published separately.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5:00 p.m. Washington, DC time on Friday, October 19, 1995. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked October 19 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Notification of awards will be announced after January 8, 1996. Grant funds should be available by April 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Division for the Secondary School Initiative, E/PY, Room 314, U.S. Information Agency, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547, telephone: 202/619-6299; fax: 202/619-5311; Internet: [daronson@usia.gov](mailto:daronson@usia.gov), to request a Solicitation Package, which includes more detailed award criteria, all application forms, and guidelines for preparing proposals, including specific criteria for preparation of the proposal budget. Please specify USIA Program Specialist Diana Aronson on all inquiries and correspondence. Interested applicants should read the complete **Federal Register** announcement before addressing inquiries to the Division for the NIS Secondary School Initiative or submitting their proposals. Once the RFP deadline has passed, Agency representatives may not discuss this competition in any way with applicants until after the Bureau proposal review process has been completed.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Applicants must follow all instructions given in the Solicitation Package. The original and ten copies of the complete application should be sent to: U.S. Information Agency, Ref.: E/P-96-12, Office of Grants Management, E/XE, Room 326, 301 4th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20547.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Bureau's authorizing legislation, programs must maintain a non-political

character and should be balanced and representative of the diversity of American political, social, and cultural life. "Diversity" should be interpreted in the broadest sense and encompass differences including but not limited to ethnicity, race, gender, religion, geographic location, socio-economic status, and physical challenges. Applicants are strongly encouraged to adhere to the advancement of this principle. Organizations are encouraged to seek diverse communities and host families in which to place students. Orientation programming should include information on diversity issues as part of American culture and should touch on current laws that mandate equal treatment of all people regardless of race, gender, national origin, or disabling condition.

### Overview

Academic year 1996-97 will be the fourth year of the program, which is part of the NIS Secondary School Initiative. It was originally funded under the FREEDOM Support Act of 1992, and in fiscal year 1996 will be funded out of the USIA appropriation for educational and cultural exchanges. The goals of the program are to: promote mutual understanding between the people of the NIS and the U.S.; instill in the participants democratic values and provide experience living in a democracy; establish a critical mass of young people in the NIS capable of transforming their societies.

### Purpose

To place approximately 1,200 pre-selected high school students from the 12 New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union in the United States to study and live for one academic year. To place students in qualified, well-motivated host families and welcoming schools. To enable the students to attain a broad view of the society and culture of the U.S. and to share their cultures with Americans.

### Guidelines

Three organizations have been awarded grants to perform the following functions: recruitment and selection of students; assistance in documentation and preparation of IAP 66 forms; preparation of cross-cultural materials; pre-departure and arrival orientation; international travel from home to the host community and return; ongoing communication with natural parents; tracking of all students during their stay in the U.S. and provision of data to USIA; and ongoing follow-up with alumni following their return to the NIS. Separate grants will be awarded for a

one-week mid-year Washington DC civics education program for all students and for intensive English training for those students who need to improve their English before going to their host communities. The announcements of the competitions for these grants are being published separately.

Organizations chosen under this competition are responsible for the following: Recruitment, selection, and orientation of host families; school placement; local orientation; specialized training of local staff and volunteers to work with NIS students; preparation and dissemination of materials to students pertaining to the placement organization; program enhancement activities; supervision and monitoring of students, trouble-shooting, and periodic reporting on their progress; communication with the organizations conducting other program components, when appropriate; evaluation of the students' performance and the success of the organization in achieving program goals; and re-entry training to prepare students for readjustment to their native culture.

Applicants may request a grant for the placement of at least 20 students. There is no ceiling on the number of students who may be placed by one organization. It is anticipated that 15 to 20 grants will be awarded for this component of the program. Placements will be spread all across the U.S. Students may be clustered in one or more regions or dispersed. If dispersed, applicants should demonstrate that local staffing and training of local staff is adequate to ensure their competence in supervising and counseling students from the NIS. Please refer to the Guidelines for Proposals—available on request from the address listed above—for details on essential program elements and permissible costs.

Programming begins at the point that the complete applications on selected finalists are delivered to the placement organizations, approximately on April 1, 1996. Participants arrive in their host communities in the month of August and remain for 10 to 11 months until their departure during the period mid-June to early July 1997.

### Eligibility

Private legally incorporated not-for-profit—IRS-designated 501(c)(3)—organizations and public institutions are eligible for consideration under this competition. Organizations with less than four years experience conducting youth exchange programs will be eligible for grants not to exceed \$60,000.

### Participants

Finalists are secondary school students aged 15-17 who have been tested, interviewed and thoroughly screened in an elaborate, merit-based process. Some may be completing their studies in their home schools in May of 1996. Applicants are referred to the Guidelines for Proposals for additional details on student selection criteria.

### Visa/Insurance/Tax Requirements

Participants will travel on J-1 visas issued by USIA using a government program number. Organizations must comply with all pertinent J-1 visa regulations in carrying out their responsibilities. Administration of the program must be in compliance with reporting and withholding regulations for federal, state, and local taxes as applicable. Recipient organizations should demonstrate tax regulation adherence in the proposal narrative and budget. Applicants should submit the health and accident insurance plans they intend to use for students on this program. USIA will compare the plan with the Agency plan and make a determination of which will be applicable.

### Materials

Drafts of all printed materials developed specifically for this program paid for with grant funds should be submitted to the Agency for review and approval. All official documents should highlight the U.S. government's role as program sponsor and funding source. The USIA will determine the disposition of the copyrights on any materials so funded.

### Proposed Budget

Organizations must submit a comprehensive line item budget based on guidelines in the Solicitation Package. Applicants must submit a comprehensive budget for the entire program. There must be a summary budget as well as a breakdown reflecting both the administrative budget and the program budget. Please refer to the Solicitation Package for complete formatting instructions and for allowable costs. For better understanding or further clarification, applicants may provide separate sub-budgets for each program component, phase, location, or activity in order to facilitate USIA decisions on funding.

### Review Process

The USIA will acknowledge receipt of all proposals and will review them for technical eligibility. Proposals will be deemed ineligible if they do not fully adhere to the guidelines stated herein

and in the Solicitation Package. Eligible proposals will be forwarded to panels of USIA officers for advisory review. All eligible proposals will also be reviewed by the Agency contracts office, as well as USIA's East European and NIS Area Office and the USIA post overseas, where appropriate. Proposals may also be reviewed by the Office of the General Counsel or by other Agency elements. Funding decisions are at the discretion of the USIA Associate Director for Educational and Cultural Affairs. Final technical authority for assistance awards (grants or cooperative agreements) resides with the USIA grants officer.

#### Review Criteria

Technically eligible applications will be competitively reviewed according to the criteria stated below. These criteria are not rank ordered and all carry equal weight in the proposal evaluation:

1. Quality of the program idea: Proposals should exhibit originality, substance, precision, and relevance to USIA's mission to promote mutual understanding.
2. Program planning: Detailed agenda and relevant work plan should demonstrate substantive undertakings and logistical capacity. Agenda and plan should adhere to the program overview and guidelines described above.
3. Multiplier effect/impact: Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term institutional and individual linkages.
4. Support of Diversity: Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity. Achievable and relevant features should be cited in both program administration (selection of participants and host families, program venue, and program evaluation) and program content (orientation and wrap-on sessions, programs meetings, resource materials and follow-up activities).
5. Institutional Capacity: Proposed personnel and institutional resources should be adequate and appropriate to carry out the responsibilities listed above.
6. Institution's Record/Ability: Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful administration of exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

7. Project Evaluation: Proposals should include a plan to evaluate both the performance of the students and the grantee organization's success in achieving the goals of the program as outlined above. USIA recommends that the proposal include a draft survey questionnaire or other evaluation technique plus description of a methodology to use. Award-receiving organizations/institutions will be expected to submit quarterly reports.

8. Cost-effectiveness: The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate.

9. Cost-sharing: Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

#### Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative.

Explanatory information provided by the Agency that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Agency reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposal budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

#### Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process after January 8. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: September 1, 1995.

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*Deputy Associate Director, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.*

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#### Freedom Support Act Secondary School Initiative—U.S./NIS Academic Studies Inbound/Outbound Program

**ACTION:** Notice—request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The Division for the Secondary School Initiative, Office of Citizen Exchanges of the United States Information Agency's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs announces an open competition for an

assistance award to facilitate academic exchanges between American high school students and students from the 12 New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. Public and private non-profit organizations and educational institutions meeting the provisions described in IRS regulation 25 CFR 1.501(c)(3)-1 may apply to develop projects that promote the purposes of this program, which are to: (a) Build the capacity of organizations to conduct academic exchanges at the secondary school level between the U.S. and the NIS; (b) sponsor study opportunities in the U.S. for NIS high-school-aged students; and (c) promote study abroad opportunities in the NIS for Americans. Applicants may apply for grants of up to two years duration. Exchanges of three to six months duration may take place during the 1997 spring semester, the 1997 fall semester, the 1998 spring semester, and the 1998 fall semester. Full year inbound and outbound exchanges may take place during the 1997-98 academic year.

The countries of the NIS are: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Overall grant making authority for this program is contained in the Secondary School Exchange Initiative, as originally authorized in the Freedom Support Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-391). It is anticipated that \$4 million will be allotted to this program.

Programs and projects must conform with Agency requirements and guidelines as outlined in the Solicitation Package. USIA projects are subject to the availability of funds.

**ANNOUNCEMENT TITLE AND NUMBER:** All communications with USIA concerning this announcement should refer to the above title and reference number E/P-96-15. This is a request for proposals only for the program models described above. Requests for proposals in support of other youth exchange programs with the NIS are being published separately.

**DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS:** All copies must be received at the U.S. Information Agency by 5 p.m. Washington, D.C. time on Friday, January 12, 1996. Faxed documents will not be accepted, nor will documents postmarked on January 12, 1996 but received at a later date. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that proposals are received by the above deadline. Notification of awards will be announced on or after April 12, 1996. Grant funds should be available by June 1, 1996.